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1. A new physical examination for all Russian troops was instituted in early March 1947. Only those in perfect health are being classified as fit for active duty; individuals in the limited service category are returned to the USSR. The Soviet Medical Corps has been employing Professor Graser of the Charité Hospital in Berlin on tuberculosis cases. According to Graser, a high percentage of Russian soldiers have been affected by this disease since the Soviet occupation.
2. Rations for Soviet Army personnel have been cut by approximately twenty percent, according to a supply officer at the Weissensee komendatura. Troops have been ordered not to requisition food from civilian stocks. On 15 April, shipment of food packages to Russia was prohibited. Items imported for Soviet Army use are: tobacco, from Bulgaria and Yugoslavia; wine, from Austria and Hungary; alcohol, from Poland; and dried eggs, from Rumania.

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